

# *GPS - Revolution in Surveying and Geodesy*

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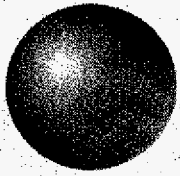
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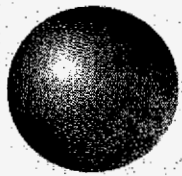


National Aeronautics and Space Administration



## *Start the Revolution*

- Revolution takes *numerous* people
  - Offer one perspective on this
- NAVSTAR GPS
  - Navigation Satellite Timing and Ranging-Global Positioning System GPS
  - TRANSIT - first system 1963 - remarkable!
- GPS catalyst for change, amazing enabling information technology
  - Navigation, Surveying, Geodesy,...



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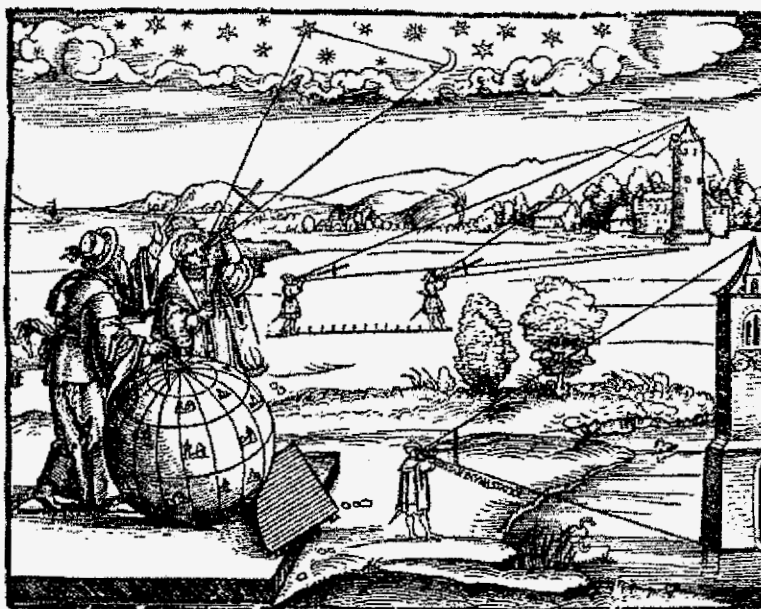
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Geographia by Peter Apian, dated 1533.

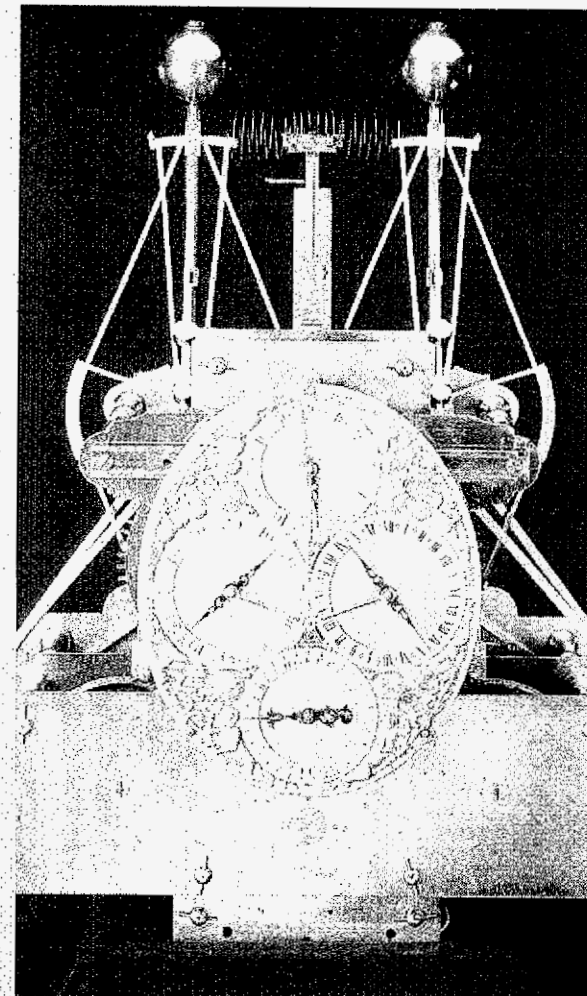
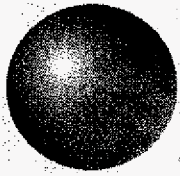
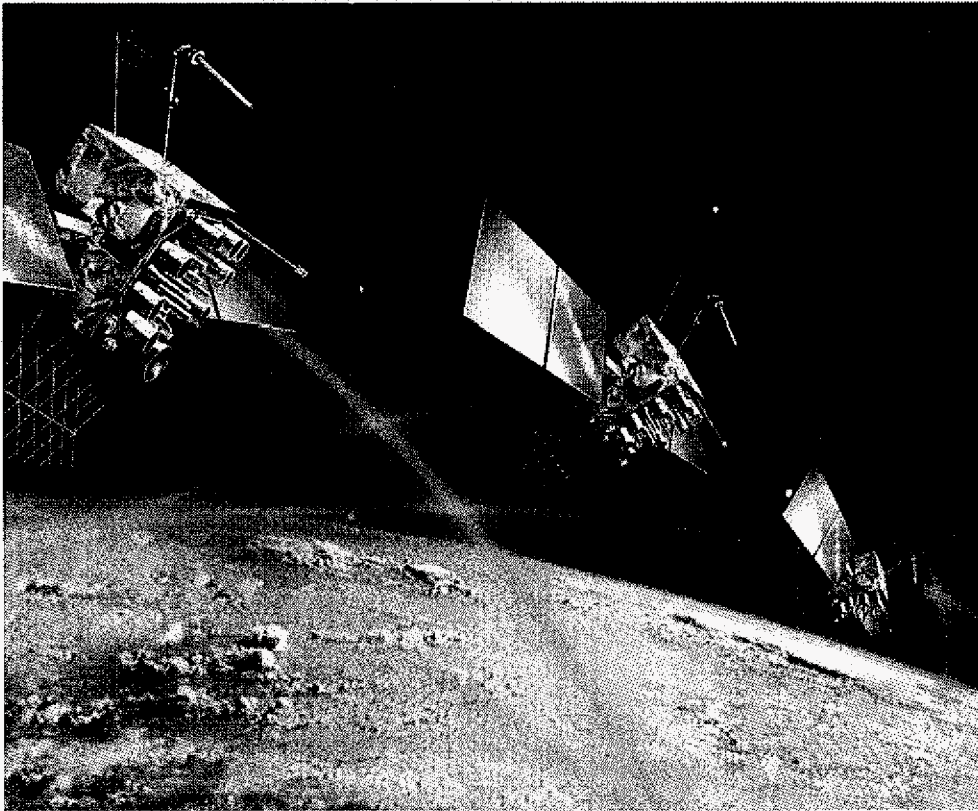


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Harrison I, first marine Chronometer (credit: D. Sobel und W.J.H. Andrewes:  
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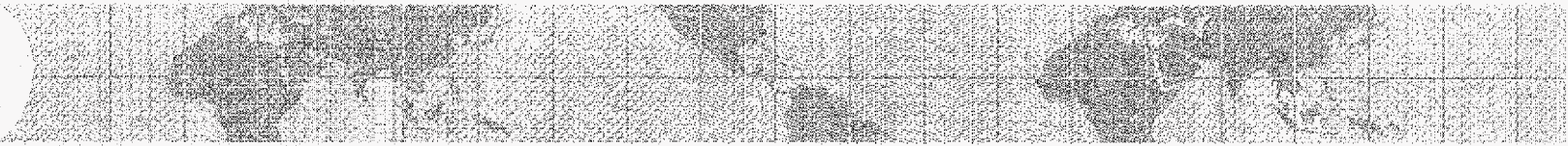
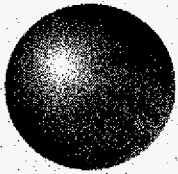
# *Global Positioning System*



- Most significant recent advance in navigation and positioning technology. In the past, the **stars** were used for navigation. Today's world requires greater accuracy in real-time. The constellation of **artificial stars** provided by GPS do this.
- GPS uses satellites and ground equipment to determine position and time **anywhere** on Earth.

*What a fantastic tool!*





## Navigation

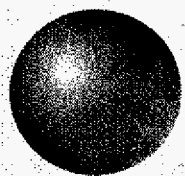
- ❏ plan, record, and control the course and position of (a ship or aircraft)
- ❏ navigation of a ship or aircraft based on the positions of celestial bodies
  - Astronavigation - *Augmentation systems today*

## Surveying

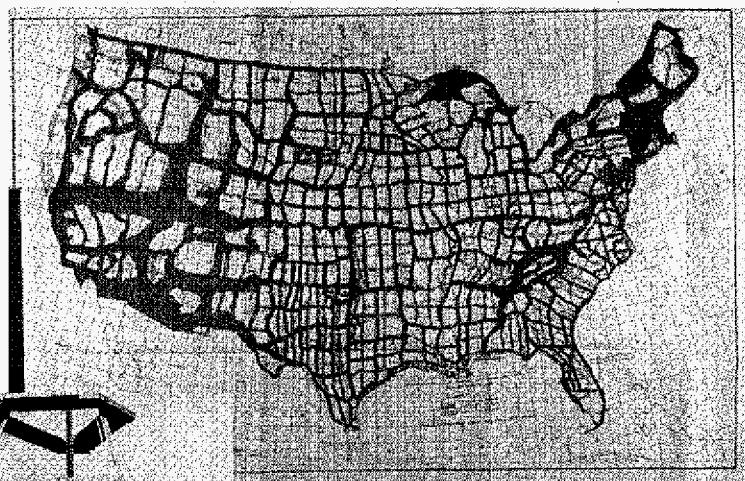
- ❏ measurement of dimensional relationships: horizontal distances, elevations, directions, and angles, on the earth's surface especially for use in locating property boundaries, construction layout, and mapping

## Geodesy

- ❏ science of measuring and monitoring the size and shape of the Earth

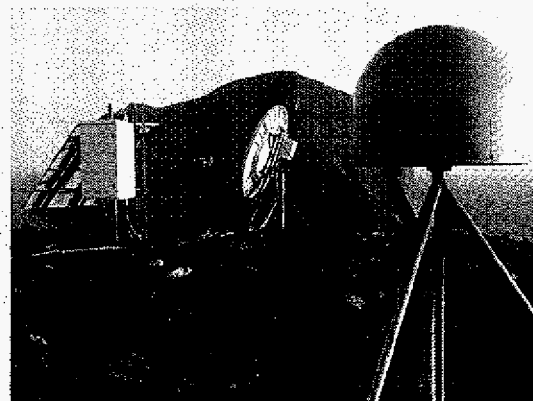
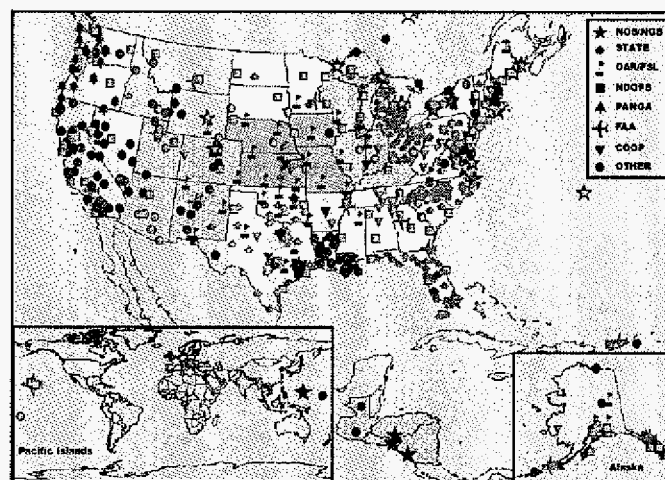


# *Same Objectives - New Tools*

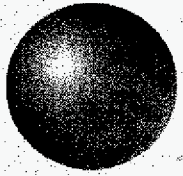


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CORS Coverage - December 2004



US CORS  
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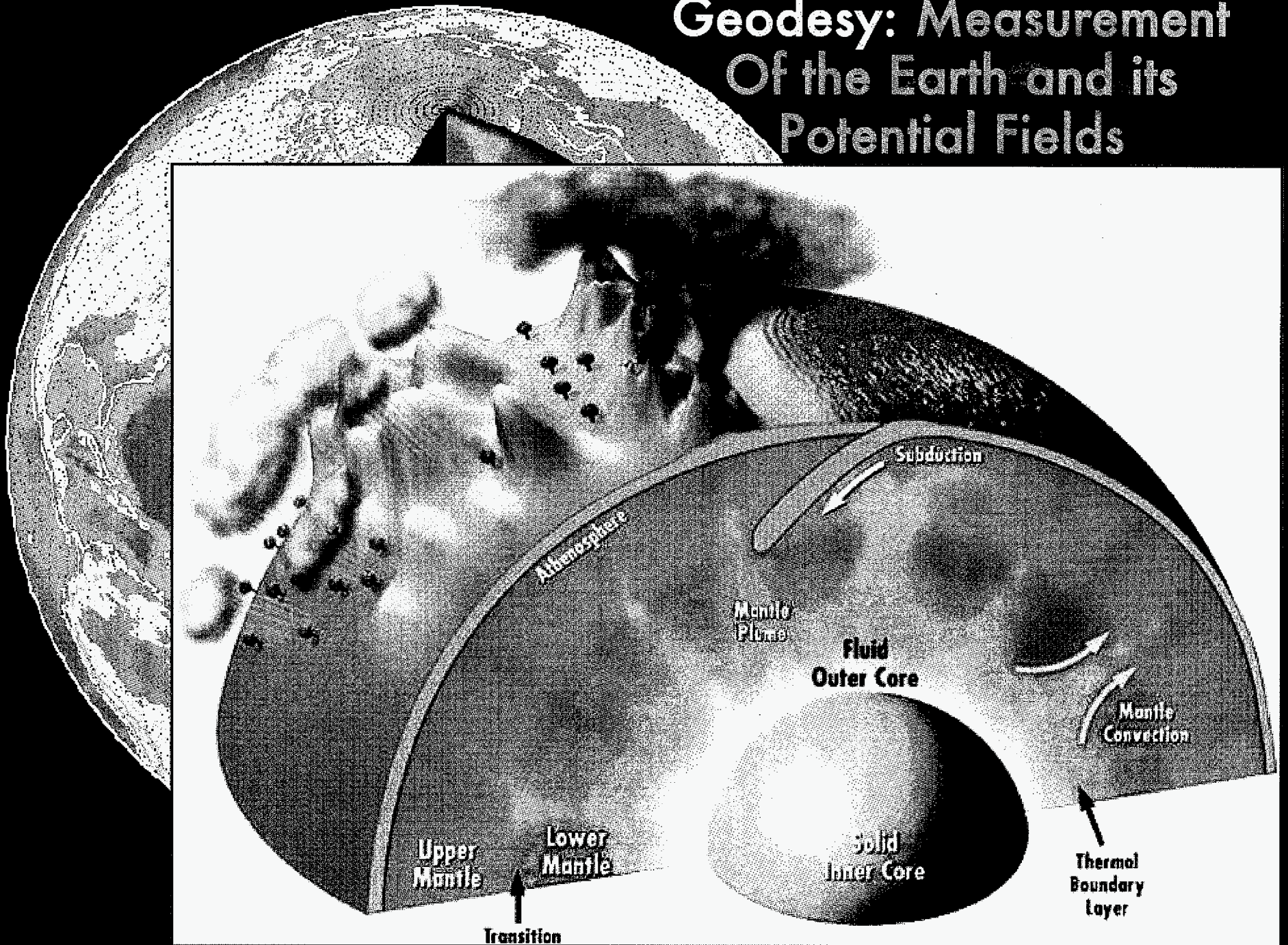


## *Geodesy evolves*

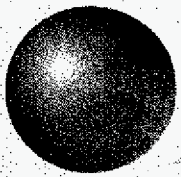
- Studying the motions of heavenly bodies and the shape and size of the Earth
- Now is the science of also studying their changes and the complex dynamic processes that interact within the planet
  - varying temporal scales of seconds to geological
  - length scales of millimeter to planetary radius and beyond



# Geodesy: Measurement Of the Earth and its Potential Fields







## *GPS Policy Affects Civil Use - 1980*

One of the notable Federal coordination efforts associated with GPS occurred in 1980 when NOAA, NASA, and USGS joined with the Department of Defense (DoD) to complete the "Interagency Coordination Plan for Development of the Application of the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS) for Geodetic Surveying" (NOAA et al. 1980). The 1980 coordination plan identified specific roles for each agency in the development of GPS applications, in the testing of GPS concepts, and in the eventual selection of the optimum method, based on costs and performance, for general use. This cooperative effort culminated in the first interagency tests of GPS receivers which was conducted in January and February 1984 in Southern California. The results were reported at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco (Goad et al. 1984).

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New Policy: Space Based Position Navigation and Timing, December 2004



# The GPS 'Red Book'

## GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM



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Washington, DC

## GPS Signal Structure and Performance Characteristics

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### ABSTRACT

Details of the GPS signal structure are discussed as related to the signal generation and the performance of the navigation system. GPS performance objectives, orbit geometry, and propagation effects are summarized in order to gain better understanding of the signal and what characteristics it must provide. With these performance objectives as a preface, the details of the dual frequency transmission and both the precision P and clear acquisition C/A codes and their characteristics. Finally, the basic performance of simplified receivers operating on this received signal is discussed. It is shown that an rms position error of less than 10 meters is well within the achievable performance bounds of the system.

### SECTION 1—INTRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

#### 1.1 Introduction

In this paper we describe the detailed signal structure used in the Global Positioning System satellite navigation system. In order for one to understand the performance characteristics in a meaningful sense, we begin by discussing, in an idealized sense, the concepts for high accuracy, real-time navigation using satellites. The various perturbing effects on the navigation signal and overall system are then described. These perturbations include relativistic effects, multiple ac-

cess interference between satellites, tropospheric and ionospheric propagation delays, multipath, thermal noise, and other interference effects. We conclude the first section with a summary of the performance objectives for the signal.

The paper then continues with a detailed discussion of the signal structure, the code properties, and the performance of the signal relative to the various objectives and constraints in the first section.

In the concluding section the performance capability of a typical receiver for this signal is described and briefly analyzed. The search, acquisition, and tracking accuracy for the GPS codes are included. Effects of user dynamics are considered. Multipath and other interference error effects are summarized.

#### 1.2 Performance Objectives

There are several key performance objectives for the GPS system which distinguish it from previous satellite and land-based navigation systems. Some of the more important are summarized below:

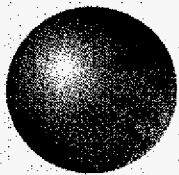
- High Accuracy 10–20 meter rms position error
- Real-Time navigation from users with high dynamics
- World-Wide Operation
- Tolerant to Nonintentional or Intentional Interference

In addition to these constraints, the user cannot be required to carry a precision atomic clock, and an initial navigation fix should be obtained within a reasonable period of time rather than hours after initial turn-on of the receiver.

Obtaining high accuracy in real-time without ambiguity requires a relatively large bandwidth (10.23 MHz) and a signal with a long period. The

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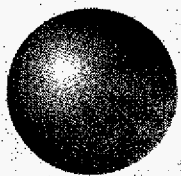


## ***SERIES - Satellite Emission Range Inferred Earth Survey System***

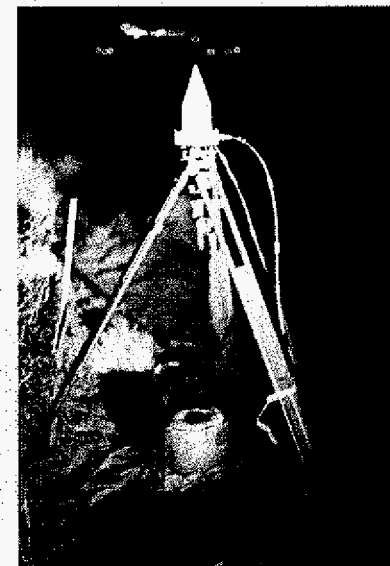
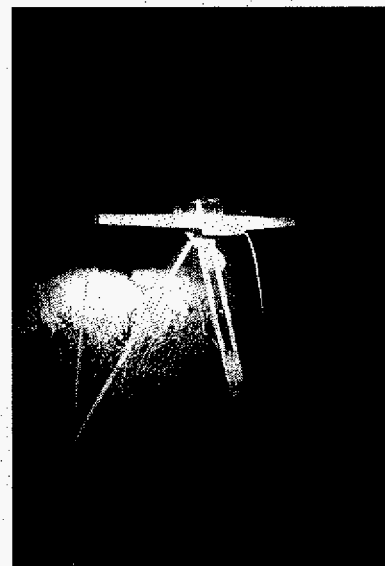


Figure 1. One of the two SERIES proof-of-concept stations. Data acquisition electronics occupy a small portion of the camper shell. The antenna is a 1.5 meter diameter, prime focus feed dish mounted on a two axis (azimuth and elevation) drive.

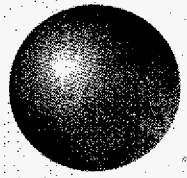




## Inside the SERIES Truck

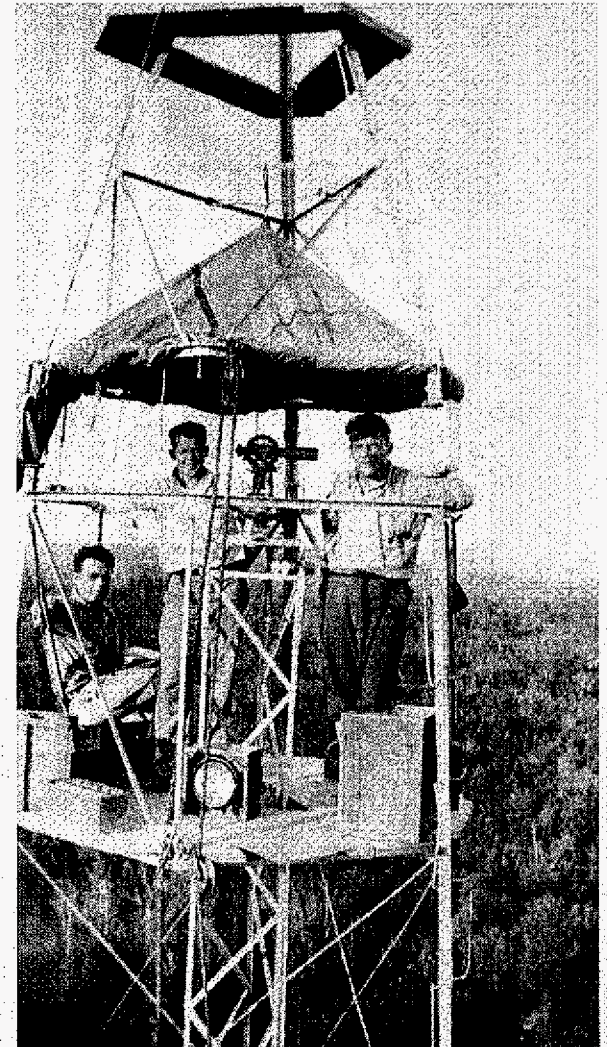
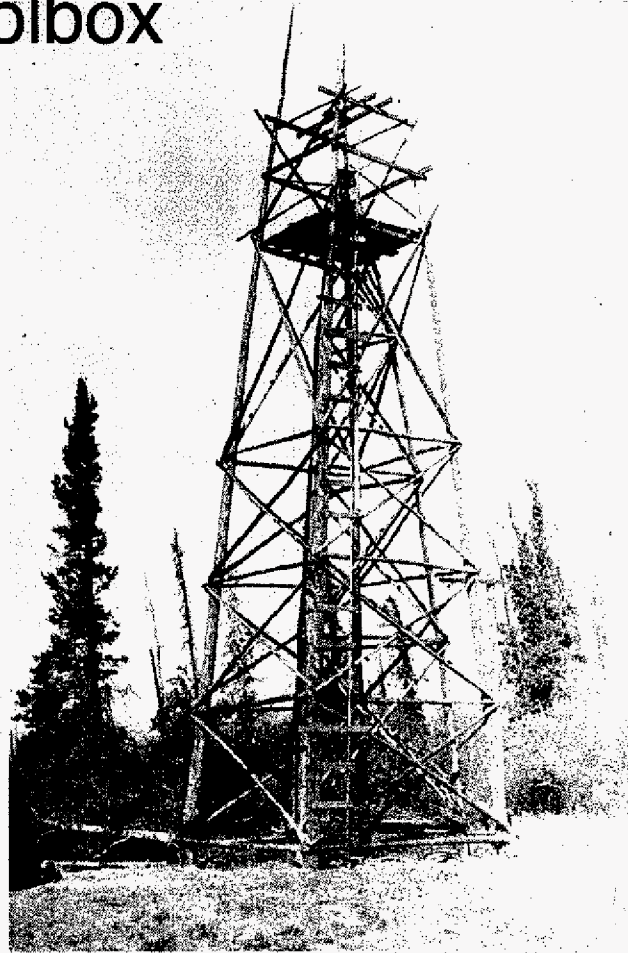


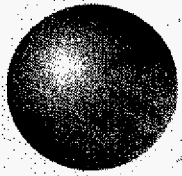
Macrometer & TI-4100



## ❖ Poignant example of the changing toolbox

### ❑ Bilby towers





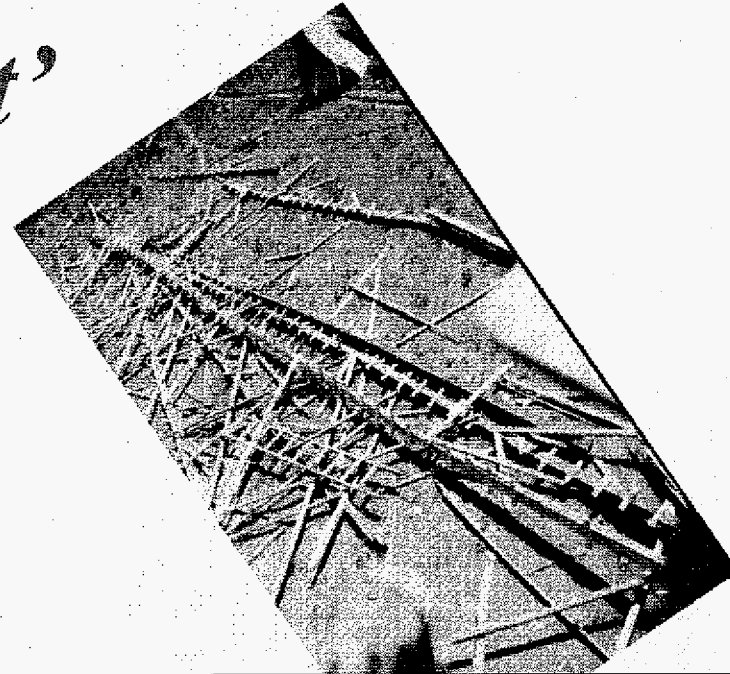
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1984

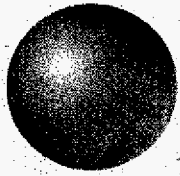
- NOAA, NASA, USGS, DoD
- Coordination based on 1980 agreement
- SERIES, SERIES-X, TI-4100, Macrometer

● Bilby towers collapse

- *Basking in the Bilby fireglow, Southern CA*







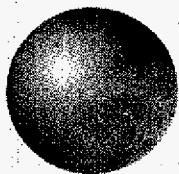
*1st International Symposium on  
Precise Positioning with the  
Global Positioning System*  
**POSITIONING WITH GPS - 1985**

US Department of Commerce

Rockville, Maryland

April 1985

*6 degrees of separation? How about 2 or 3? Or none?*



# Bossler's Paper

## BACKGROUND OF FEDERAL GPS ACTIVITIES

The NAVSTAR GPS program is a joint service program managed by the U. S. Air Force with representation from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Defense Mapping Agency (DMA), Department of Transportation, NATO, and Australia. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) also recognized early on that they each had an interest in either the development or in the application of GPS for geophysical and geodetic purposes.

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### NASA Activities

Under the GPS coordination plan, the NASA role and mission were to:

1. Develop and demonstrate interferometric GPS positioning.
2. Participate in the development of advanced GPS receivers.
3. Use GPS for accurate positioning of satellites.

A major aspect of NASA's involvement has been the development of the Satellite Emission Radio Interferometric Earth Surveying (SERIES) concept (MacDoran et al. 1982). More recently, NASA has been actively involved with applications of GPS for crustal motion monitoring and with the development of GPS orbit prediction and tracking systems. NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory is conducting another interagency test this spring. That activity is the subject of one of the presentations at this conference. NASA is also investigating the use of GPS receivers on board geodetic satellites for precise ephemeris determination throughout scientific missions.

### NOAA Activities

The NOAA activities related to GPS fall under the basic National Geodetic Survey authorization and include:

1. Using GPS for operational geodetic control surveys.
2. Development of specifications for GPS operations.
3. Investigations and research in GPS-related technology.
4. Using GPS results for monitoring and modeling crustal motion.

In addition to the active participation of National Geodetic Survey, NOAA contributed to a tri-agency receiver development project through a contract with the Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin. DoD and USGS also participated in this contract which lead to the current hardware

available from Texas Instruments. NOAA is currently using the Texas Instruments TI 4100 as well as the MACROMETER V-1000 for operational GPS surveys. Several of NOAA's ideas and programs will be presented at this meeting. Preliminary results from simultaneous mobile very long baseline interferometry (VLBI) and GPS surveys in Alaska will also be presented.

### DoD Activities

Within DoD, DMA serves as Deputy Program Manager. Additionally, DMA provides:

1. Static positioning tests for the GPS/Joint
2. Development of GPS satellite for LANSAT
3. Point of contact for the geodesy interest
4. Lead in tri-agency development of GPS receiver

Under a separate agreement, the DoD GPS role is by Geophysical Laboratory (AGPL) research and development in response to DMA requirements in mapping, other activities have included extensive GPS research, receivers for precise relative geodesy and orbit, Draper Laboratory (DSOL) and at the Massachusetts

### USGS Activities

The USGS is primarily concerned with its geodesy GPS from the perspective of a user. USGS GPS act

1. Identify applications of GPS to USGS programs
2. Provide support for GPS research at USGS
3. Contribute towards the tri-agency prototype

Currently, the USGS is purchasing five GPS receiver networks now being measured by other techniques, regions of California (Kerr 1985).

### FGCC Activities

The Federal Geodetic Control Committee (FGCC) Federal agencies involved with geodetic surveying include the testing and evaluation of new survey establishment of standards and specifications for

In January 1983, the FGCC Instrument Subcommittee demonstrated the MACROMETER interferometric (Fronczek 1983). The tests compared MACROMETER stations, and ellipsoidal height differences with the test showed that the MACROMETER V-1000 is a used successfully to establish geodetic control National Geodetic Reference System.

### IGCC GPS Panel

Under the auspices of the Interagency Geodetic (IGCC), Federal agencies involved with GPS will c

purpose of the recently reconstituted IGCC GPS Panel for Operational Coordination and Long Range Planning will be to:

1. Compile agency needs and plans for use of GPS technology.
2. Formulate procedures for interagency sharing of resources.
3. Facilitate cooperative data use
4. Develop standardized data forms
5. Recommend procedures and locations

This panel has just been formed and meeting tentatively scheduled for Oct

### GPS SATELLITE

The recent launch of the tenth GPS satellite and development phase. Operational GPS satellites has planned continuing in early December 1985. 1 satellites are available and continue expected to begin in late 1987. The available by the end of 1988.

### FEDERAL

As referred to earlier in the Interagency Coordination Plan, the GPS system will be made available to a wide variety of broader possible operational, civil, world. However, the GPS system will position information. Other systems "codeless" mode, treating the GPS as interferometric measurement technique

Separate from the field use code re processing of GPS data with precisely the highest quality geodetic results, past orbit ephemerides can now be or

Access to the P code, under the GPS is another matter. Originally the G applications of high national security to the U. S. and Allied military use policy in GPS use in the civil commu

Under the proposed policy framework could apply for access to the PPS.

application to ensure consideration of national security needs. Once an application has been approved, a certification would be issued specifying the geographic area and time frame. The approved applicant would then contract with the U. S. Government, or perhaps a third party agent, for delivery of the equipment, the cryptography, and the supporting services. Additional details on this access policy will be covered later in this session.

### Process Ephemerides

Under a proposed agreement, NOAA, NASA, and DMA will participate in the tracking of the 10 GPS satellites, computing the precise ephemerides for the satellites, and then distributing the ephemerides to military and civilian users for post processing of their GPS observations (NOAA et al. 1984). The computations and distribution activities will be for the purpose of providing geodetic quality data, and will not occur in real time.

In addition to each agency providing technical expertise to support the development of orbit determination procedures, the specific NOAA responsibilities will include:

1. Operating satellite tracking stations at Vero sites in Massachusetts, Texas and Florida.
2. Distributing the tracking data and geodetic quality ephemerides generated at DMA to domestic receivers.

The specific NASA responsibilities will include:

1. Operating tracking stations in Spain, California, and Australia.
2. Providing tracking data and geodetic quality ephemerides to those with whom NASA has cooperative research programs.

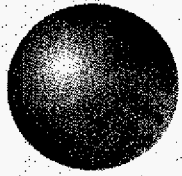
The specific DMA responsibilities will include:

1. Establishing agreements for the operation of some tracking stations.
2. Operating the Satellite Tracking Network Central Center.
3. Maintaining the Satellite Tracking Data Base.
4. Generating the geodetic quality ephemerides.
5. Providing the precise ephemerides to foreign requesters.

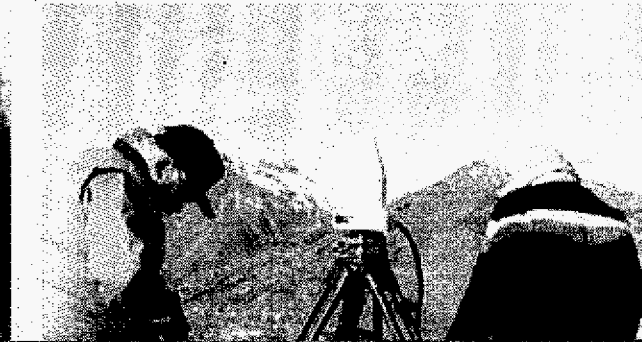
The proposed agreement has been accepted by both NOAA and NASA. We are now awaiting final approval from DMA where the memorandum of understanding is being circulated for comments.

### SUMMARY

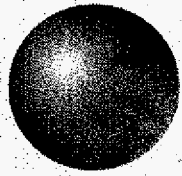
The GPS will permit rapid, accurate point positioning with accuracies of a few centimeters over distances of 100 km or more. The development of GPS geodetic surveying instruments has come about because of the significant cooperation within the Federal sector. This cooperation, together with the recognition of GPS potential by the private sector, brings us to this symposium today. Those of us in the Federal environment recognize our roles and our responsibilities to provide tests, standards and specifications, GPS access. Limited GPS access, continued research and development, and to continue and expand our cooperative relationship with the civil sector.



# *Observation Changes*

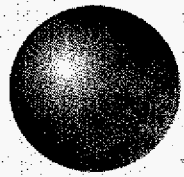






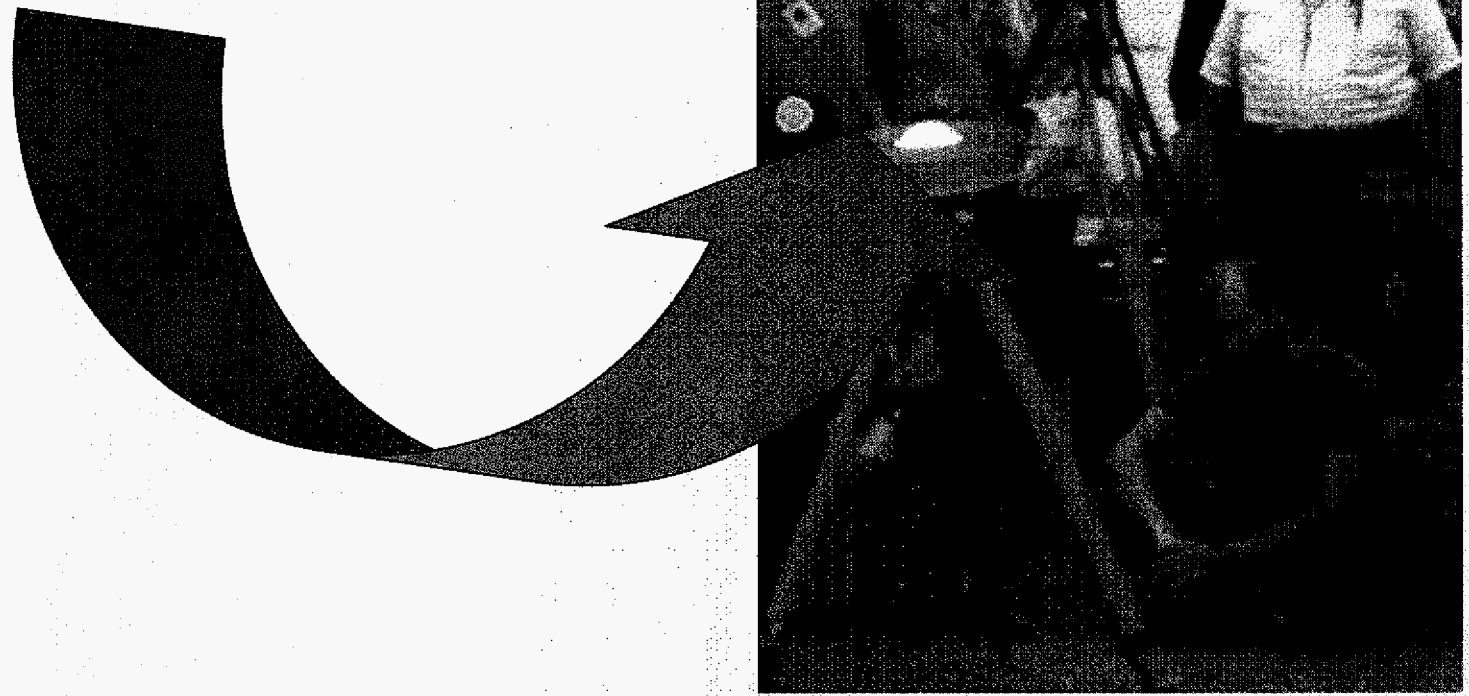
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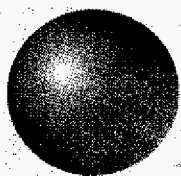




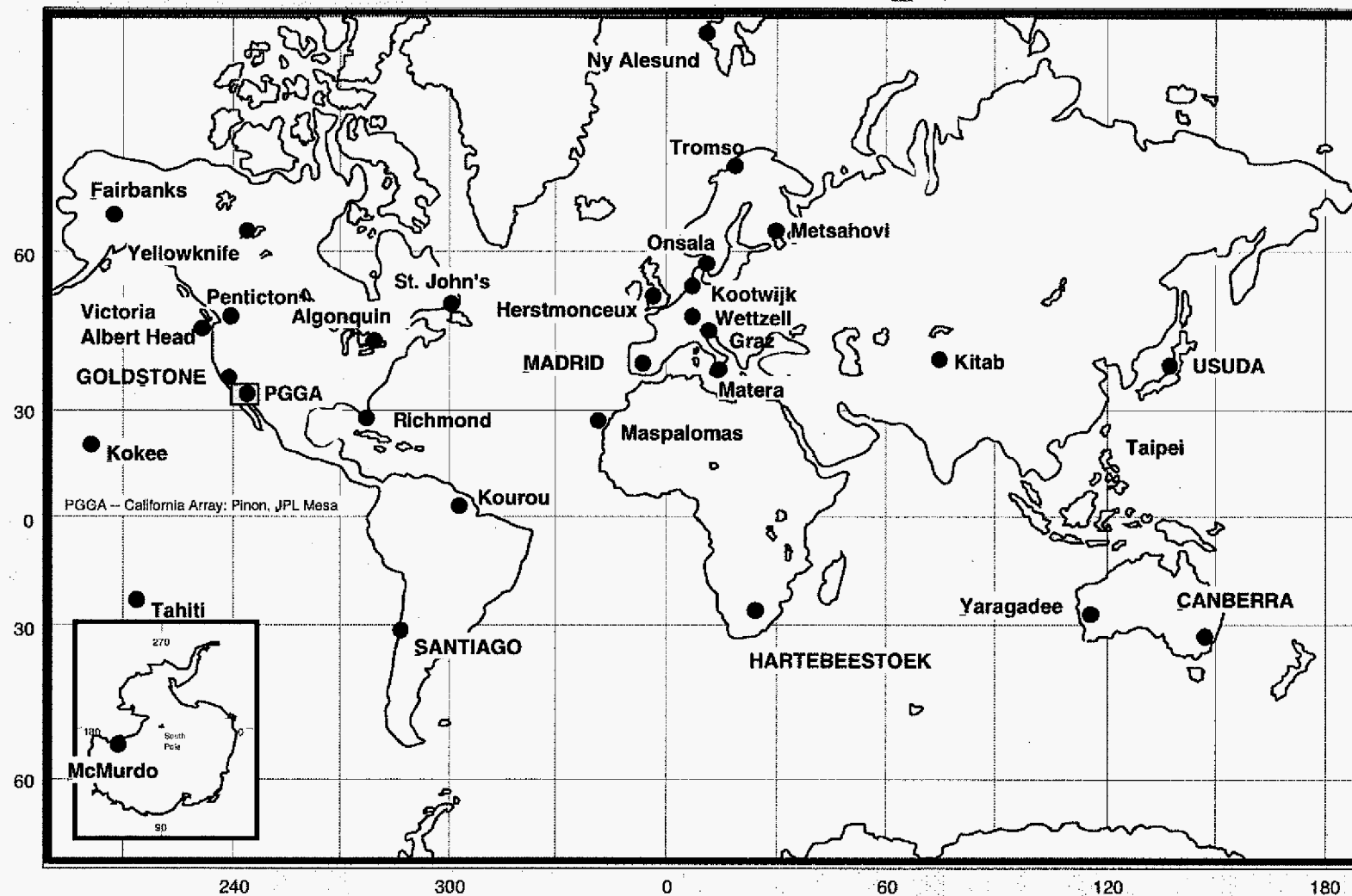
*Rivalry?*

*GPS Receivers compete for  
best performance*

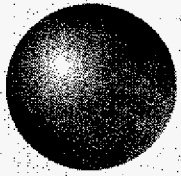




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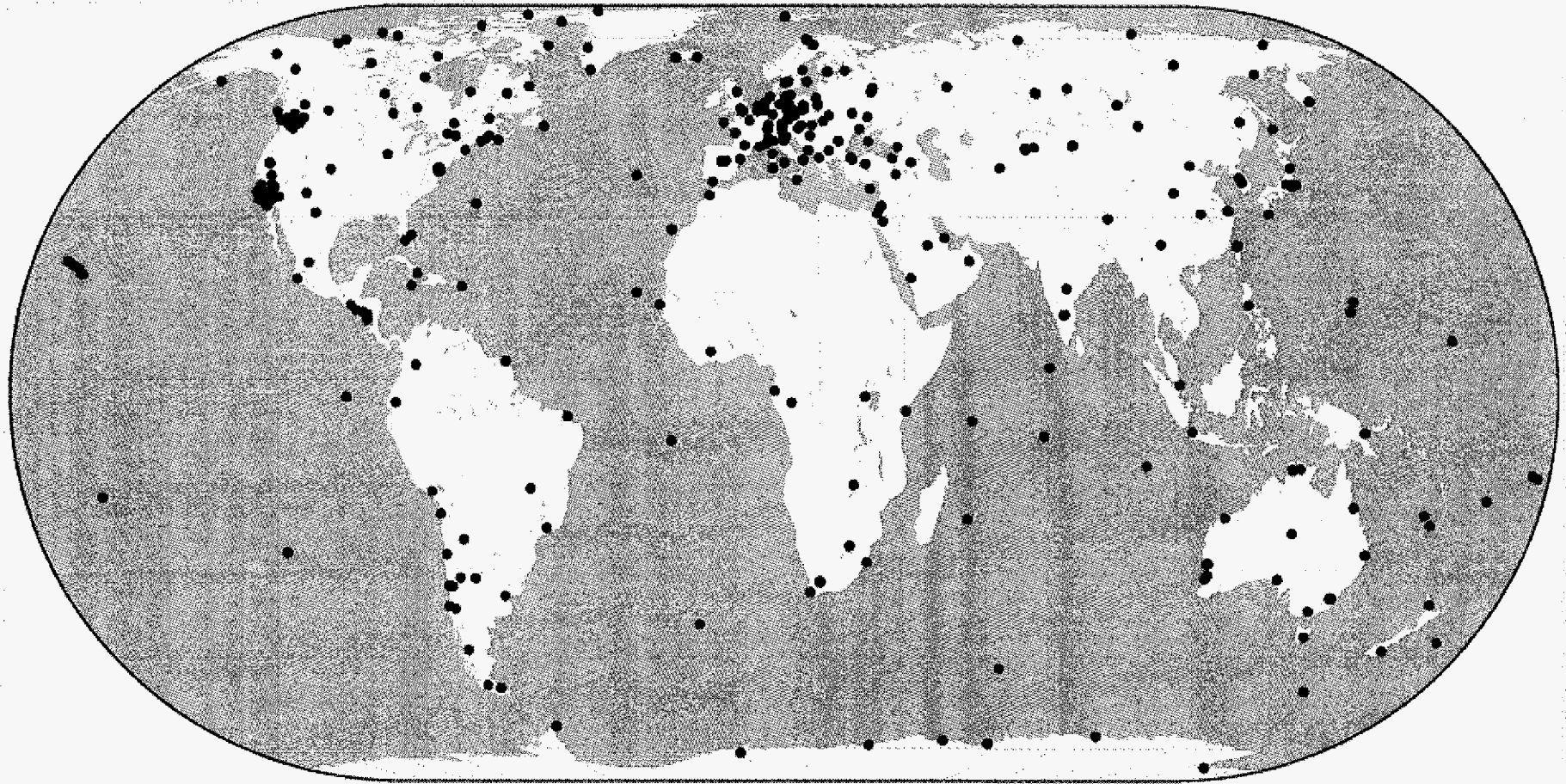






# *IGS GNSS Tracking Network*

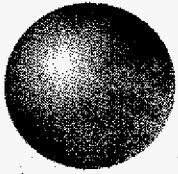
(GPS + GLONASS)



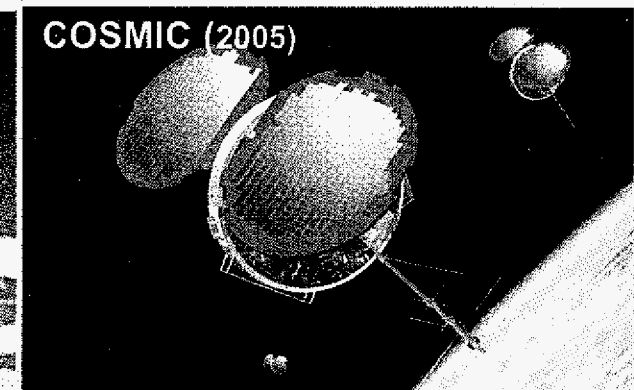
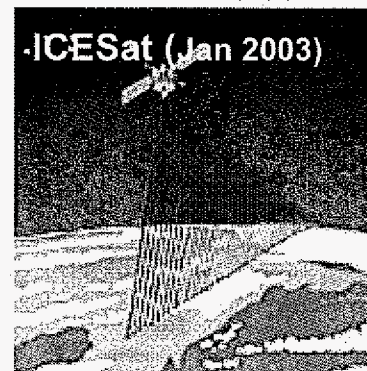
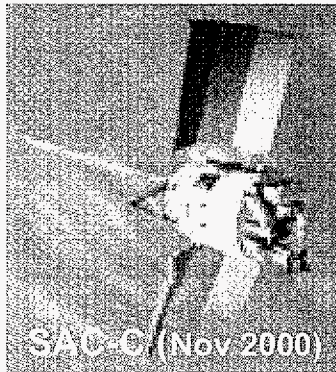
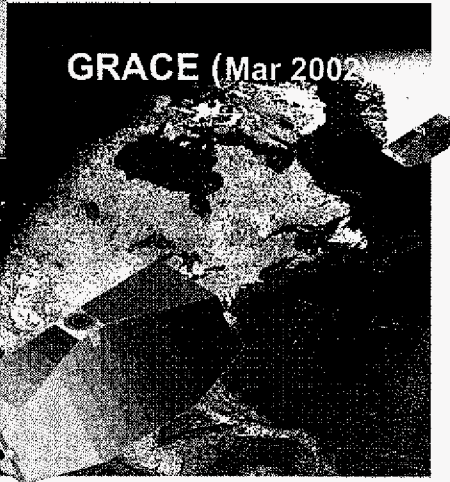
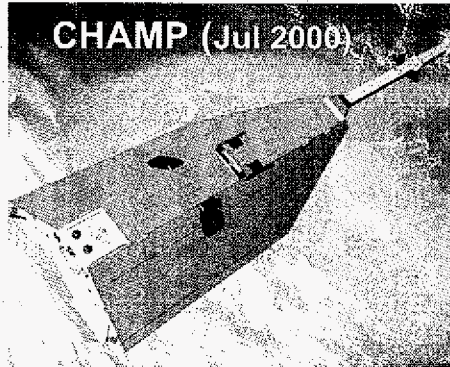
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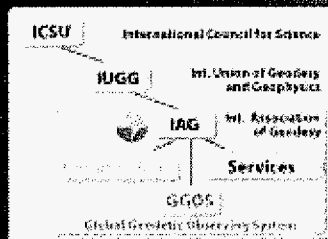




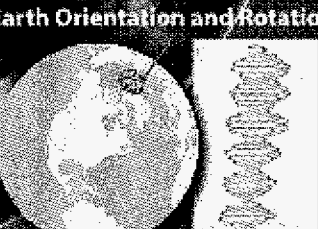
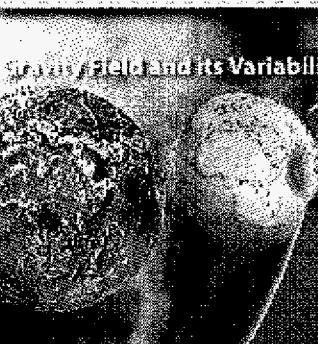
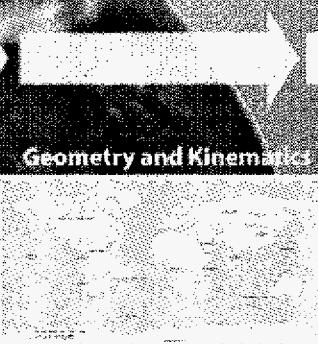
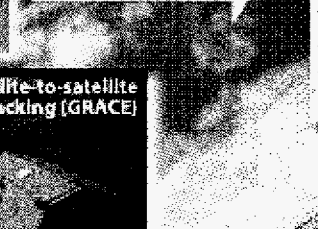
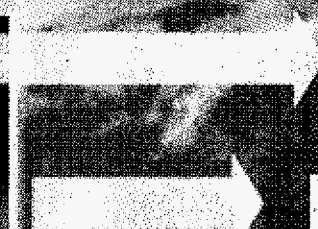
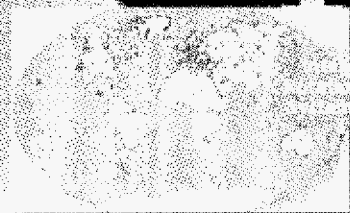
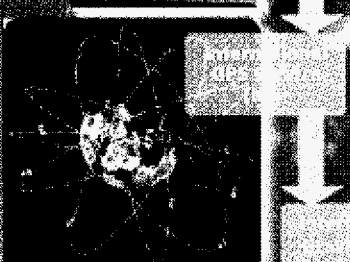
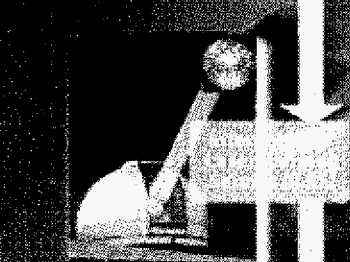
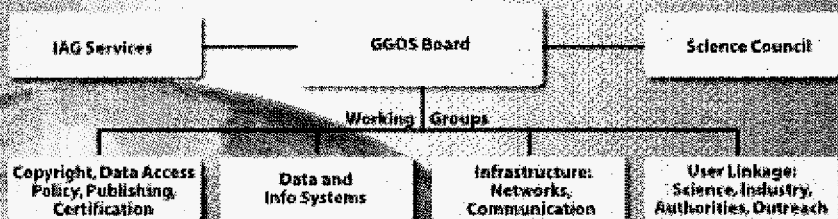
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- *GPS Flight Receiver on board each*
  - *IGS LEO Project focuses on precise orbit determination*
- *LEO Missions Objectives/ Science Goals include:*
  - *Atmospheric remote sensing*
  - *Gravity, Magnetics*
  - *Ionospheric remote sensing*
  - *Ice and oceans*



# IAG's Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS)



**Positions and Velocities**

**Sea Level Changes**

**Water Storage Change**

**Specific Humidity**

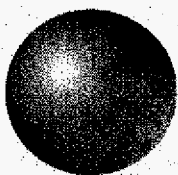
**Geo-hazards**

**Ice Mass Balance**

IAG services are based on more than 400 global observation stations.

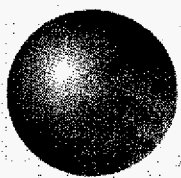
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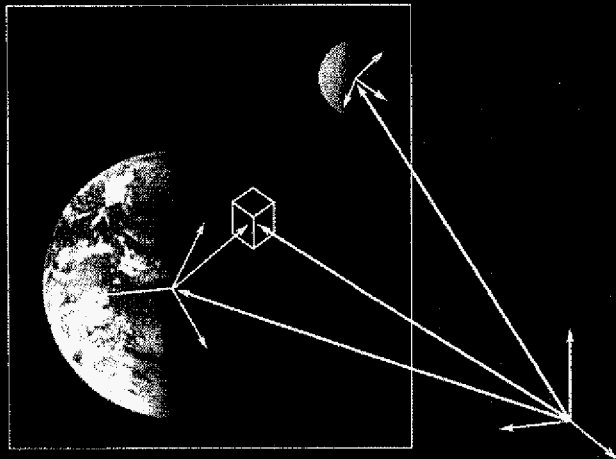
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  - Today applications are diverse as evidenced by the popularity of the Annual ION GNSS meetings
- Evolutionary phase continues
  - GLONASS, Galileo, Beidou
  - WAAS, EGNOS, QZSS, GAGAN
- Challenges - seamless utilization with multiple signals, time systems, receiver choices
  - Reference frame of fundamental importance



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# Methods of Celestial Mechanics

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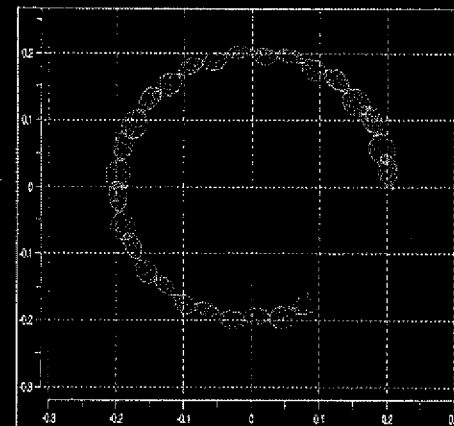
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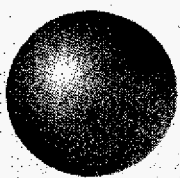
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